

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 4-21 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for his willingness in discussing the final rejection and proposed claim amendments, and also for his comments related to the proposed claim amendments in discussions with Applicants' representative.

Solely to advance prosecution of exemplary embodiments of the invention, Applicants have amended the claims in a manner thought to clearly distinguish the present invention from the cited art.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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